

*Amendments to the Claims*

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

1-139. (Canceled)

140. (Currently Amended) A user station comprising:

a user interface;

a processor; and

an information transport component;

wherein the processor is configured to execute the information transport component to enable access at the user station, via the user interface, to first fixed information content from a first portable storage medium together with first related remote information content from one or more remote information content sources such that the first fixed information content and the first related remote information content are presented by the user interface as a first single collection of information content, and to second fixed information content from a second portable storage medium together with second related remote information content from one or more remote information content sources such that the second fixed information content and the second related remote information content are presented by the user interface as a second single collection of information content,

wherein the first portable storage medium and the second portable storage medium are provided by different independent publishers,

wherein the first single collection of information and the second single collection of information are different,

wherein the user interface is customized with respect to the first fixed information content in response to access of the first fixed information content and is customized with respect to the second fixed information content in response to access of the second fixed information content,

wherein the information transport component initiates connections to one or more remote information content sources in accordance with predefined transport tasks specified by the first portable storage medium and the second portable storage medium to retrieve the first and second related remote information content, and

wherein the information transport component includes an application programming interface that is configured to provide a communication interface between the information [[on]] transport component and the user interface as customized with respect to the first fixed information content and between the information transport component and the user interface as customized with respect to the second fixed information content.

141. (Canceled)

142. (Previously Presented) The user station of claim 140, wherein the first related remote information content is provided with a first look and feel specific to the first fixed information content included on the first portable storage medium, and the second related remote information content is provided with a second look and feel

specific to the second fixed information content included on the second portable storage medium.

143. (Previously Presented) The user station of claim 142, wherein the first look and feel is customized by an author of the first fixed information content and wherein the second look and feel is customized by an author of the second fixed information content.

144. (Previously Presented) The user station of claim 142, wherein each of the first related remote information content and the second related remote information content includes a web page.

145. (Previously Presented) The user station of claim 142, wherein the first related remote information content is coded with a markup language available on a first remote information content source and wherein the second related remote information content is coded with a markup language available on a second remote information content source.

146. (Previously Presented) The user station of claim 140, wherein at least one of the first portable storage medium and the second portable storage medium includes computer executable software that is installable on the user station to establish connections between the user station and the one or more remote information content sources.

147. (Previously Presented) The user station of claim 146, wherein the connections are initiated at the user station.

148. (Previously Presented) The user station of claim 146, wherein the connections are made in accordance with the predefined transport tasks specified by the first portable storage medium and the second portable storage medium.

149. (Previously Presented) The user station of claim 146, wherein the connections are initiated transparently to concurrent additional operations at the user station.

150. (Previously Presented) The user station of claim 142, wherein the first fixed information content is presented at the user station together with the first related remote information content in such a manner that a seamless integration of the first fixed information content and the first related remote information content is presented at the user station and wherein the second fixed information content is presented at the user station together with the second related remote information content in such a manner that a seamless integration of the second fixed information content and the second related remote information content is presented at the user station.

151. (Previously Presented) The user station of claim 140, wherein the first portable storage medium includes link data identifying a respective first remote information content source.

152-175. (Canceled)

176. (Previously Presented) The user station of claim 140, wherein the predefined transport tasks comprise a source address for a particular remote information content source.

177. (Previously Presented) The user station of claim 140, wherein the predefined transport tasks comprise a manifest list specifying selections of remote media content.

178. (Previously Presented) The user station of claim 140, wherein the predefined transport tasks comprise a portable storage medium identification, wherein the portable storage medium identification can be used to access respective remote information content from one or more remote information content sources.

179. (Previously Presented) A non-transitory computer-readable storage medium, having stored thereon:

first program logic for enabling access, via a user interface, to first fixed information content, from a first portable storage medium, together with first related

remote information content from one or more remote information content sources such that the first fixed information content and the first related remote information content are presented by the user interface as a first single collection of information content, and for enabling access, via the user interface, to second fixed information content from a second portable storage medium together with second related remote information content from one or more remote information content sources such that the second fixed information content and the second related remote information content are presented by the user interface as a second single collection of information content, wherein the first portable storage medium and the second portable storage medium are provided by different independent publishers, and the first single collection of information and the second single collection of information are different,

second program logic for customizing the user interface with respect to the first fixed information content in response to access of the first fixed information content and for customizing the user interface with respect to the second fixed information content in response to access of the second fixed information content; and

third program logic for initiating a connection to one or more remote information content sources to retrieve the first and second related remote information content in accordance with predefined transport tasks,

wherein the first program logic includes an application programming interface configured to provide a communication interface between the first program logic and the user interface as customized with respect to the first fixed information content and between the first program logic and the user interface as customized with respect to the second fixed information content.

180. (Previously Presented) The non-transitory computer-readable storage medium of claim 179, wherein the first remote information content is provided at the user interface with a first look and feel specific to the first fixed content.

181. (Previously Presented) The non-transitory computer-readable storage medium of claim 179, wherein the connection is initiated at a user station.

182. (Previously Presented) The non-transitory computer-readable storage medium of claim 179, wherein the connection is initiated transparently to concurrent additional operations at a user station.

183. (Previously Presented) The non-transitory computer-readable storage medium of claim 179, wherein the first fixed information content is presented to together with the first remote information content in such a manner as to provide a seamless integration of the first fixed information content and the first remote information content.

184. (Previously Presented) The non-transitory computer-readable storage medium of claim 179, wherein the first fixed information content is at least one of video, sound, and a hypertext markup language file.

185. (Previously Presented) The non-transitory computer-readable storage medium of claim 179, wherein the first related remote information content is at least one of video, sound, and a hypertext markup language file.

186. (Previously Presented) The user station of claim 140, wherein the first fixed information content is at least one of video, sound, and a hypertext markup language file.

187. (Previously Presented) The user station of claim 140, wherein the first related remote information content is at least one of video, sound, and a hypertext markup language file.

188-191. (Canceled)